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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

In re:	§	Chapter 11
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HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
	§	
Debtor.	§	
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CHARITABLE DAF FUND, L.P. AND CLO	§	
HOLDCO, LTD., DIRECTLY AND DERIVATIVELY	§	
	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	Adversary Proceeding No.
	§	
vs.	§	21-03067-sgj11
	§	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
HIGHLAND HCF ADVISOR, LTD., AND	§	
HIGHLAND CLO FUNDING LTD., NOMINALLY	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	
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**APPELLANTS' STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND
DESIGNATION OF RECORD ON APPEAL**

Pursuant to Rules 8009(a)(1)(A)-(B) and (a)(4) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, The Charitable DAF Fund, L.P. and CLO Holdco, Ltd. ("Appellants") hereby designate the following items to be included in the record and identify the following issues with respect to

their appeal of the Order Denying Motion to Stay which was entered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas on December 7, 2021.

I. STATEMENT OF ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED ON APPEAL

Whether the Bankruptcy Court erred in denying Plaintiffs' Motion to Stay, and continuing to determine the case on the merits, and/or refusing to withdraw the reference.

II. DESIGNATION OF ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD

1. Notice of Appeal for Bankruptcy Case Adversary Proceeding No. 21-03067-sgj11 [Doc. 86].
2. The judgment, order, or decree appealed from: Order Denying Motion to Stay [Doc. 81].
3. Any opinion, findings of fact, and conclusions of law of the bankruptcy court relating to the issues on appeal, including transcripts of all oral rulings: Transcript of Hearing on Motion to Stay [Doc. 78 – pp. 1-29 only of multi-motion hearing transcript].
4. Docket Sheet kept by the Bankruptcy Clerk.
5. Documents listed below and as described in the Docket Sheet for Bankruptcy Case Proceeding No. 21-03067-sgj.

No.	Date Filed	Docket No.	Description/Document Text
1	09/29/2021	1	(36 pgs; 3 docs) Adversary case 21-03067. ORDER REFERRING CASE NUMBER 21-CV-0842-B from U.S District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division to U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division. Complaint by Charitable DAF Fund, LP, CLO Holdco, Ltd. against Highland Capital Management, LP, Highland HCF Advisor Ltd., Highland CLO Funding, Ltd. Fee Amount \$350 (Attachments: # 1 Original Complaint # 2 Docket Sheet from 3:20-cv-0842-B). Nature(s) of suit: 02 (Other (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court if unrelated to bankruptcy)). (Okafor, M.)
2	09/29/2021 (04/13/2021	2	(1 pg) Supplemental Document (cover sheet) by CLO Holdco Ltd., Charitable DAF Fund (RE: related document(s) 1 Adversary case 21-03067) [ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-0842 AS #2 ON 04/13/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

			FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION] (Okafor, M.)
3	09/29/2021 (08/26/2021)	55	(6 pgs) MOTION to Stay filed by CLO Holdco Ltd, Charitable DAF Fund LP (Sbaiti, Mazin) (Entered: 08/26/2021) [ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-0842 AS #55 ON 08/26/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION] (Okafor, M.)
4	09/29/2021 (09/10/2021)	60	(10 pgs) RESPONSE filed by Highland Capital Management LP re: 55 MOTION to Stay (Annable, Zachery) (Entered: 09/10/2021) [ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-0842 AS #60 ON 09/10/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION] (Okafor, M.)
5	10/19/2021	66	(5 pgs) Notice of hearing filed by Defendant Highland Capital Management, LP (RE: related document(s) 26 Motion to dismiss adversary proceeding filed by Defendant Highland Capital Management, LP, 47 Motion to strike document filed by Plaintiff Charitable DAF Fund, LP, Plaintiff CLO Holdco, Ltd., 55 Motion to abate filed by Plaintiff Charitable DAF Fund, LP, Plaintiff CLO Holdco, Ltd.). Hearing to be held on 11/23/2021 at 09:30 AM at https://us-courts.webex.com/meet/jerniga for 26 and for 47 and for 55 , (Annable, Zachery)
6	11/18/2021	69	(21 pgs; 2 docs) Motion to abate <i>Plaintiffs' Amended Motion to Stay All Proceedings</i> (related document(s) 55 Motion to abate (related document(s) 1 Complaint)) filed by Plaintiffs CLO Holdco, Ltd., Charitable DAF Fund, LP (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A_Motion to Withdraw Reference) (Sbaiti, Mazin)
7	11/22/2021	70	(1310 pgs; 2 docs) Witness and Exhibit List <i>for Hearing on November 23, 2021</i> filed by Defendant Highland Capital Management, LP (RE: related document(s) 69 Motion to abate <i>Plaintiffs' Amended Motion to Stay All Proceedings</i> (related document(s) 55 Motion to abate (related document(s) 1 Complaint))). (Attachments: # 1 Exhibits 1-30) (Hayward, Melissa)
8	11/22/2021	72	(2 pgs) Witness List filed by Plaintiffs CLO Holdco, Ltd., Charitable DAF Fund, LP (RE: related document(s) 26 Motion to dismiss adversary proceeding, 47 Motion to strike (related document(s): 43 Document), 55 Motion to abate (related

			document(s) 1 Complaint), 69 Motion to abate <i>Plaintiffs' Amended Motion to Stay All Proceedings</i> (related document(s) 55 Motion to abate (related document(s) 1 Complaint))). (Sbaiti, Mazin)
9		73	(189 pgs; 4 docs) Exhibit List for November 23, 2021 hearing filed by Plaintiffs CLO Holdco, Ltd., Charitable DAF Fund, LP (RE: related document(s) 47 Motion to strike (related document(s): 43 Document), 55 Motion to abate (related document(s) 1 Complaint)). (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1_Defendant's Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Reconsideration # 2 Exhibit 2_Highland Memorandum in Support of Motion to Dismiss # 3 Exhibit 3_Order (I) Confirming Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland) (Sbaiti, Mazin)
10	11/23/2021	75	Hearing held on 11/23/2021. (RE: related document(s) 55 MOTION to Stay filed by CLO Holdco Ltd, Charitable DAF Fund LP (Sbaiti, Mazin) (Entered: 08/26/2021) [ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-0842 AS #55 ON 08/26/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION] (Okafor, M.)) (Appearances: J. Pomerantz and J. Morris for Highland Defendants; J. Jordan and P. Bessett for HCLOF; M. Sbaiti for Plaintiffs. Nonevidentiary hearing. Motion denied. Mr. Pomerantz to upload order.) (Jeng, Hawaii)
11	11/24/2021	78	Transcript regarding Hearing Held 11-23-2021 RE: Motion Hearing. THIS TRANSCRIPT WILL BE MADE ELECTRONICALLY AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF FILING. TRANSCRIPT RELEASE DATE IS 02/22/2022. Until that time the transcript may be viewed at the Clerk's Office or a copy may be obtained from the official court transcriber. Court Reporter/Transcriber Liberty Transcripts/Dipti Patel, Telephone number 847-848-4907. (RE: related document(s) 75 Hearing held on 11/23/2021. (RE: related document(s) 55 MOTION to Stay filed by CLO Holdco Ltd, Charitable DAF Fund LP (Sbaiti, Mazin) (Entered: 08/26/2021) [ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-0842 AS #55 ON 08/26/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION] (Okafor, M.)) (Appearances: J. Pomerantz and J. Morris for Highland Defendants; J. Jordan and P. Bessett for HCLOF; M. Sbaiti for Plaintiffs. Nonevidentiary hearing. Motion denied. Mr. Pomerantz to upload order), 76 Hearing held on

			11/23/2021. (RE: related document(s) <u>47</u> Motion to strike <u>43</u> Appendix in support filed by CLO Holdco, Ltd., Charitable DAF Fund, LP (Bridges, Jonathan) Modified text on 7/16/2021 (mjr). (Entered: 07/15/2021) [ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-0842 AS #47 ON 07/15/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION] (Okafor, M.)) (Appearances: J. Pomerantz and J. Morris for Highland Defendants; J. Jordan and P. Bessett for HCLOF; M. Sbaiti for Plaintiffs. Nonevidentiary hearing. Motion denied (Plaintiffs acknowledged complained-of Appendices it did not relate to Motion to Dismiss). Mr. Pomerantz to upload order.)). Transcript to be made available to the public on 02/22/2022. (Patel, Dipti)
12	12/07/2021	81	(2 pgs) Order denying motion to stay (related document # <u>55</u>) Entered on 12/7/2021. (Okafor, Marcey)

6. Documents listed below and as described in the Docket Sheet for the main Bankruptcy Case Proceeding No. 21-03067-sgj:

13	07/16/2020	854	(12 pgs) Order granting application to employ James P. Seery, Jr. as Chief Executive Officer, Chief Restructuring Officer and Foreign representative (related document <u>774</u>) Entered on 7/16/2020. (Ecker, C.) Modified on 7/16/2020 (Ecker, C.).
14	07/17/2020	864	(134 pgs) Transcript regarding Hearing Held 07/14/2020 (134 pages) RE: Applications to Employ. THIS TRANSCRIPT WILL BE MADE ELECTRONICALLY AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF FILING. TRANSCRIPT RELEASE DATE IS 10/15/2020. Until that time the transcript may be viewed at the Clerk's Office or a copy may be obtained from the official court transcriber. Court Reporter/Transcriber Kathy Rehling, kathyrehlingtranscripts@gmail.com, Telephone number 972-786-3063. (RE: related document(s) 863 Hearing held on 7/14/2020. (RE: related document(s) <u>775</u> Application to employ Development Specialists, Inc. as Other Professional Amended Motion of the Debtor Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) and 363(b) to Employ and Retain Development Specialists, Inc. to Provide Financial Advisory and Restructuring-Related Services, Nunc Pro Tunc to March 15, 2020, filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P.) (Appearances: J. Pomeranz, J. Morris, G. Demo, I. Karash, Z.

			Annabel, and M. Hayward for Debtors; M. Clemente and P. Montgomery for UCC; A. Clubok for UBS; R. Patel and B. Shaw for Acis; T. Mascherin, M. Hankin, and M. Platt for Redeemer Committee; D. Nier for various employees.. Evidentiary hearing. Application granted (bonuses request withdrawn, per negotiations with UCC, subject to possible later request). Debtors counsel to submit order.)). Transcript to be made available to the public on 10/15/2020. (Rehling, Kathy)
15	12/23/2020	1625	(13 pgs) Motion to compromise controversy with HarbourVest 2017 Global Fund L.P., HarbourVest 2017 Global AIF L.P., HarbourVest Dover Street IX Investment L.P., HV International VIII Secondary L.P., HarbourVest Skew Base AIF L.P., and HarbourVest Partners L.P.. Filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P. (Annable, Zachery)
16	01/22/2021	1788	(23 pgs) Order granting motion to compromise controversy with HarbourVest (Claim Nos. 143, 147, 149, 150, 153, 154) and authorizing actions consistent therewith (related document # <u>1625</u>) Entered on 1/21/2021. (Okafor, M.)
17	01/22/2021	1808	(66 pgs) Modified chapter 11 plan filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P. (RE: related document(s) <u>1472</u> Chapter 11 plan). (Annable, Zachery)
18	02/22/2021	1943	(161 pgs) Order confirming the fifth amended chapter 11 plan, as modified and granting related relief (RE: related document(s) <u>14722352</u> Chapter 11 plan filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., <u>1808</u> Chapter 11 plan filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P.). Entered on 2/22/2021 (Okafor, M.)
19	04/27/2021	2247	(9 pgs) Motion for order to show cause (<i>Debtor's Motion for an Order Requiring the Violators to Show Cause Why They Should Not Be Held in Civil Contempt for Violating Two Court Orders</i>) Filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P. (Annable, Zachery)
20	06/30/2021	2500	Transcript regarding Hearing Held 06/25/2021 (122 pages) (Excerpt 2: Proceedings from 11:33 am to 3:35 pm) RE: Motion to Reconsider/Motion for Modification(#2248). THIS TRANSCRIPT WILL BE MADE ELECTRONICALLY AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF FILING. TRANSCRIPT RELEASE DATE IS 09/28/2021. Until that time the transcript may be viewed at the Clerk's Office or a copy may be obtained from

			the official court transcriber. Court Reporter/Transcriber Kathy Rehling, kathyrehlingtranscripts@gmail.com. (RE: related document(s) 2490 Hearing held on 6/25/2021. (RE: related document(s) <u>2248</u> Motion to Reconsider(related documents <u>854</u> Order on application to employ) Filed by Plaintiffs CLO Holdco, Ltd., The Charitable DAF Fund, L.P., (Appearances: J. Pomeranz and J. Morris for Debtor; D. Draper for Dugaboy; J. Bridges and M. Sbati for CLO Holdco and DAF; M. Clemente for Unsecured Creditors Committee. Evidentiary hearing. Motion denied, Lengthy bench ruling. Debtors counsel to upload order. Court to issue post-hearing order regarding jury trial rights discussed.)). Transcript to be made available to the public on 09/28/2021. (Rehling, Kathy)
21	06/30/2021	2506	(2 pgs) Order denying motion for modification of order authorizing retention of James P. Seery, Jr. (related document # <u>2248</u>) Entered on 6/30/2021. (Okafor, M.)

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Respectfully submitted,

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